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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Accords approval to the nomination of Sri N. S. Hirannayya, Commissioner for Rural Development and Depressed Classes, as an additional Member of the Date Groves Committee.

READ—

Government Order No, R. 5617-26—L.R. 322-48-2, dated 8th January 1949, directing the constitution of the Committee to consider the question of reservation of Date Reserve lands for being granted to Depressed Class people.

ORDER NO. R. 6108-15—L. R. 322-48-4, DATED, BANGALORE, THE 25TH JANUARY 1949.

Government are pleased to nominate Sri N. S. Hirannayya, Commissioner for Rural Development and Depressed Classes, as an additional member of the Date Groves Committee constituted in the Government Order read above.

SYED ABDUL ALEEM,
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Approves the recommendations of the Committee to concert measures for the Protection and Conservation of State Forests in consequence of the Abolition of Hulbanni.

READ—

G.O. No. A. F. 2375-80 Ft. 63-45-2, dated 6th October 1948, appointing a Committee to consider and suggest measures for the protection and conservation of forests and forest plantations in consequence of the abolition of "Hulbanni" for grazing in forests.

2. Letter No. S. 3-207-48, dated 18th November 1948, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, forwarding the proceedings of the Committee which met on 13th November 1948 and requesting in the circumstances stated, orders of Government approving the unanimous recommendations of the Committee.

ORDER No. A.F. 4433-507—FT. 106-48-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH JANUARY 1949.

The Committee are of opinion that there should be a short-term and long-term approach to this problem. Pending an examination of the long-term measures needed for the protection of the forests after a detailed survey of the available grazing resources, their classification, etc., the Chief Conservator of Forests has forwarded the recommendations of the Committee about the immediate short-term plan, and they are detailed below—

(*a*) that the existing status *quo* should, as far as possible, be maintained with regard to the regulating of grazing in forest areas by permits, subject to the abolition of the fee charged for such permits;

(*b*) that the quantum of grazing permits to be so issued should be fixed approximately at the average of realisations of grazing fee during the last 5 years translated into its equivalent head of cattle;

(*c*) that free permits, as determined by the above method, should be issued through the Taluk Rural Development Committees;

(*d*) that the Forest Department should have the right to enforce the restrictions and conditions for entry to the forests as now, even under the free grazing system;

(*e*) that for the infraction of any of the above conditions the existing penalties should continue to be imposed as prescribed by the existing forest law and practice;

(*f*) that the system of permits for the penning of cattle in forest areas should be introduced;

(*g*) that there should be total prohibition of goats being grazed in forests.

Government are pleased to approve the recommendations of the Committee as set forth above. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take necessary further action to bring these measures into effect.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is also requested to submit in due course his proposals in regard to the long-term plan for the protection and conservation of the forests of the State.

MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN, *Genl. Secy*